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Group II: Claims 13-17, drawn to a method of screening for a compound that modulates gastrointestinal motility in a mammal; and

Group III: Claims 18-40, drawn to formulations comprising D-xylose and a kit comprising a marker agent.

Election

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-12), drawn to methods of monitoring gastric emptying, diagnosing a gastric emptying disorder and diagnosing gastroparesis in a mammal. Applicants further elect the species wherein the agent is a sugar and wherein the sugar is D-xylose, for continued examination. At least claims 4, 5, 11 and 12 read on the elected species. At least claims 1-4 and 7-10 appear to be generic.

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